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We're a little late this month, but hopefully that has given you time to recover from this year's jam-packed Halloween. While everyone stateside was getting their respective costumes and disguises ready, those in the UK once again faced the prospect of leaving the European Union only to see another extension put in place. There, Members of Parliament have been seeking the proper terms for a withdrawal from the EU (as voted on in a referendum in 2016, passing slimly and somewhat dubiously). As the number of issues that this affects is seemingly countless (and likely not entirely considered or well thought out at the time of the referendum), the correct path forward has created gridlock in Parliament, causing the resignation of not just one, but two Prime Ministers in the process. With yet another "flexextension" granted by the EU, the UK will have a few months to continue working toward acceptable terms or risk a rough break with the EU; in the meantime, the upcoming parliamentary elections will essentially serve as a second proxy referendum, gauging where the public now is on this issue.

Sweeping change causing much upheaval isn't anything new, however, and we can look to numismatics for that. During the early years of the reign of William IV, major reforms were needed in the United Kingdom, both domestically and overseas. The Reform Bill of 1831 set forth numerous issues which were of importance to the Reform party of the time, including no stamp taxes, no London monopoly on East India trade, and an abolishment to colonial slavery, though major reforms to representation and the squashing of tiny, bought-and-sold parliamentary seats was of vital interest. The bill carried by a one vote majority, though parliament was dissolved shortly thereafter. Upon reconvening, the Reform party secured a larger majority, with the bill passing by a greater total. Earl Grey introduced the bill to the House of Lords, but it was defeated by 41 votes. Not giving up, Earl Grey, under the authority of King William IV, was tasked with creating language to ensure the bill's passage the following year in 1832, finally passing on 4 June and receiving Royal Assent three days later. The abolition of colonial slavery, one of the reforms that didn't make it in this language, passed in a separate act the following year in 1833. Will the Brexit issue finally be resolved with this December's elections? With the consequences and ramifications of leaving being a bit more apparent this time around, we may have a more sobering idea of "the desire of the people."



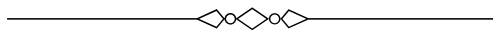
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Returning to Halloween, one of the perils in the aftermath of this chocolate-filled holiday can be the copious amounts of candy that have been amassed around the kitchen—either retrieved by children from their trick-or-treating or simply left over from anticipated ghoulish guests at the door. No matter the case, snacking on a bit too much of these sweets can certainly cause some stomach issues, just like the Jesuit priest featured on this mid 19th century Belgian medal...



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Here though, he is vomiting coins into the satchel of a convict. If you experience this particular ailment after binging on candy corn, you'll probably want to see a doctor, in addition to reading the background behind the above medal.



In addition to the pieces above, this month's offerings include a couple shooting festival related medals, two aviation types featuring a Zeppelin, a couple early issues from the always popular Art Union of London series, a Marcus Aurelius denarius, and a handful of other interesting types...



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Lastly, we will be having another mid-(ish)-month offering later in November, though unlike "minis" of the past, this upload will contain another 20 items, all of which feature a common thread. Suffice to say that, if you are a fan of "love

tokens” or modified coin art, you’ll want to stay tuned for what we have in store.


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